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# **NASA LAUNCH SERVICES PROGRAM**

## **HE22 SMEX MO PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE**

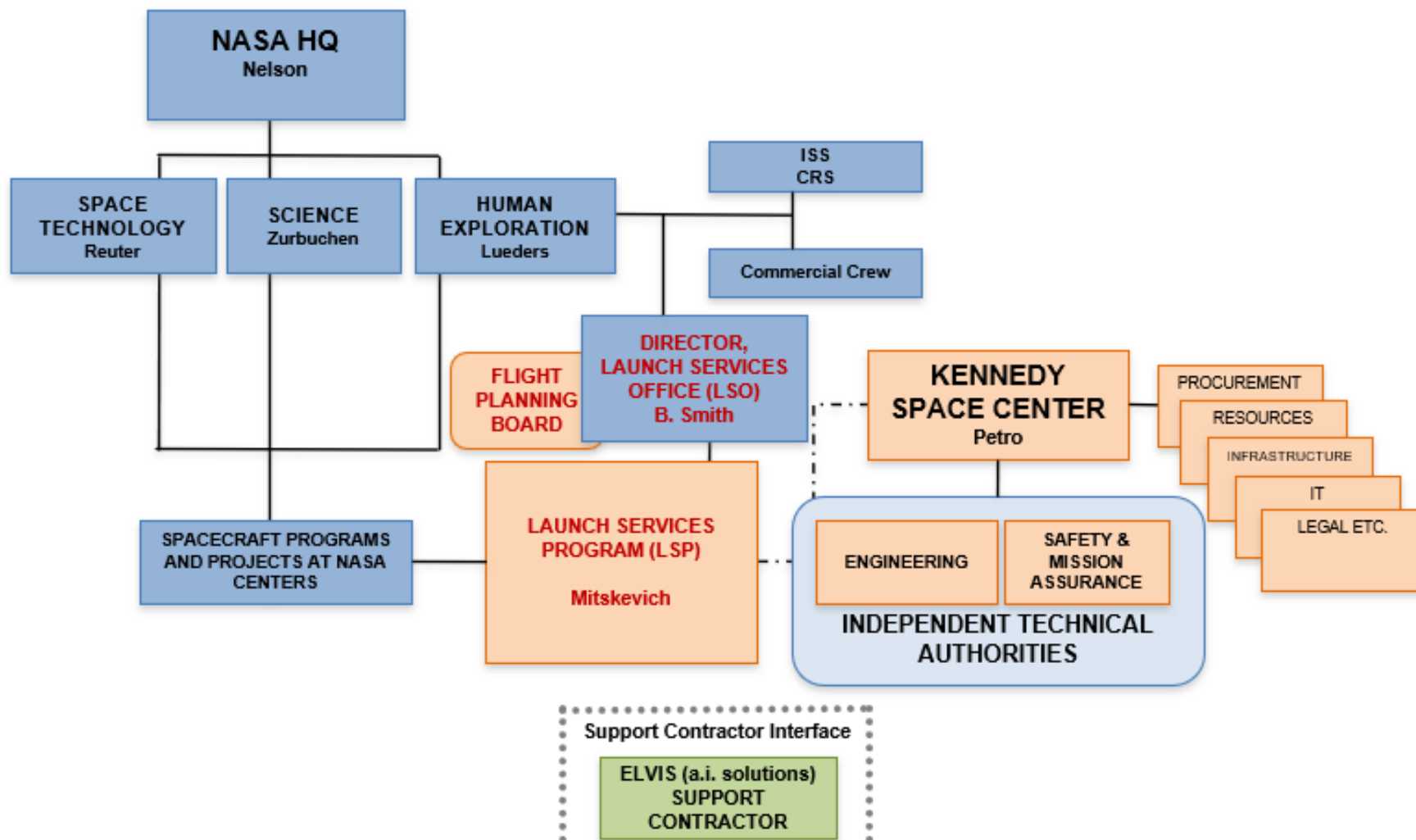
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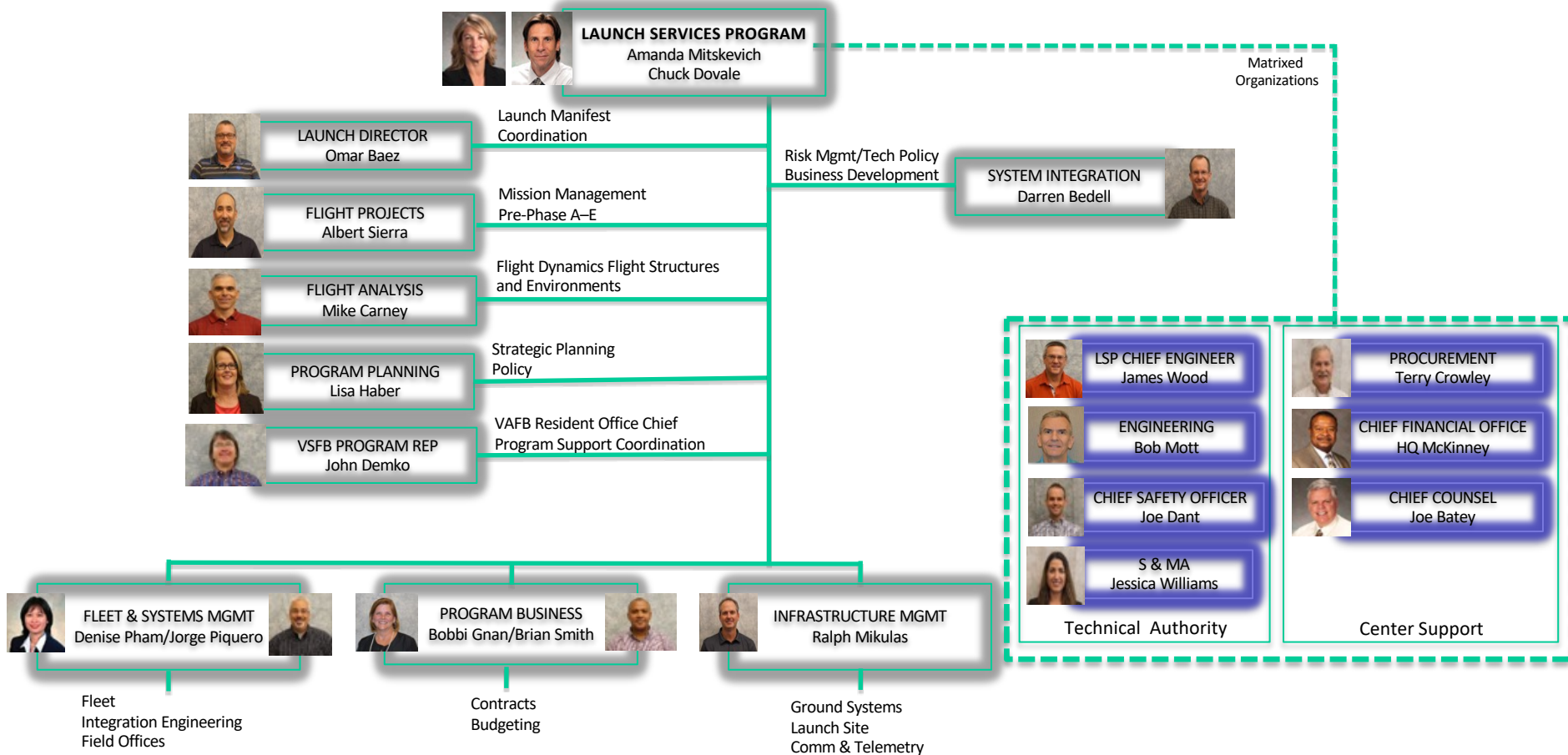
# NASA Launch Services Program Relationships (NASA/HEOMD/KSC)





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# LSP Organizational Structure





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# NASA LSP Functional Structure



- **NASA Launch Services Program (LSP) procures/provides a Launch Service**
  - Its more than the basic launch vehicle
  - We don't buy a tail number
  - This is a commercial FFP procurement with additional insight and oversight
- **To enable this, LSP has two functional sides**
  - **Mission integration**
    - » Mission Integration Team (MIT) assigned to each mission
    - » Manages mission specific procurement, integration, and analysis
    - » Includes launch site integration and processing
  - **Fleet management**
    - » Personnel assigned to each contracted rocket
    - » Includes resident offices within the production facilities of all active providers
    - » We watch the production and performance of entire fleet – we certify the manufacture's production line, not just a particular unit (tail number)
    - » We have a say in any change/upgrade/anomaly
- **LSP maintains the final go or no-go for launch for NLS-2 procured missions (not applicable in the same manner for VADR missions)**
- **Interface with Safety and Mission Assurance**
  - Safety
  - Quality



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# Options available for this AO



## Several options are available to proposers for the 2022 Heliophysics Explorer Mission of Opportunity (MO)

- **Section 5.2.4 AO-Provided Primary Launch Services (FAA-Licensed Launch Services under VADR)**
  - » Launch services expected to be provided under new VADR Contract for 300 kg to 500 km Sun-synchronous orbit
  - » Domestic launch vehicle certified as category 1 per NPD 8610.7D
  - » Modified technical oversight approach per NPD 8610.7D *Launch Services Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-Owned and/or NASA-Sponsored Payloads/Missions* will be executed for MO AO for Class D payloads.
  - » PI-Managed Mission Costs must cover services beyond standard launch service offered (see attachment 5 in *NASA Launch Services Program (LSP) Information Summary*)
- **AO-Provided Rideshare Access to Space**
  - » Via ESPA/ESPA Grande (or equivalent adapter) as a secondary payload
  - » May utilize one or two SPA ports



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# Options available for this AO



## Several options are available to proposers for MO AO(cont.)

- **Alternative Access to Space arrangements by PI are permitted under this AO**
  - » **PI will be required to meet NPD 8610.23C *Launch Vehicle Technical Oversight Policy***
  - » **If selected mission uses a Launch Service that is not certified to Cat 1 per NPD 8610.07D *Launch Services Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-Owned and/or NASA-Sponsored Payloads/Missions*, PI will be responsible for conducting the certification.**
  - » **LSP will not be performing an advisory role for a mission using Alternative Access to Space.**
    - **Upon award of a PI provided service, LSP will be available to answer PI questions about meaning within NPD 8610.7 and NPD 8610.23 for class D missions.**



## **5.2.4.1 AO-Provided Primary Launch Services**

**(Commercial FAA-Licensed Launch Services LSP Procured under VADR)**



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# **Commercial FAA-Licensed Launch Services**



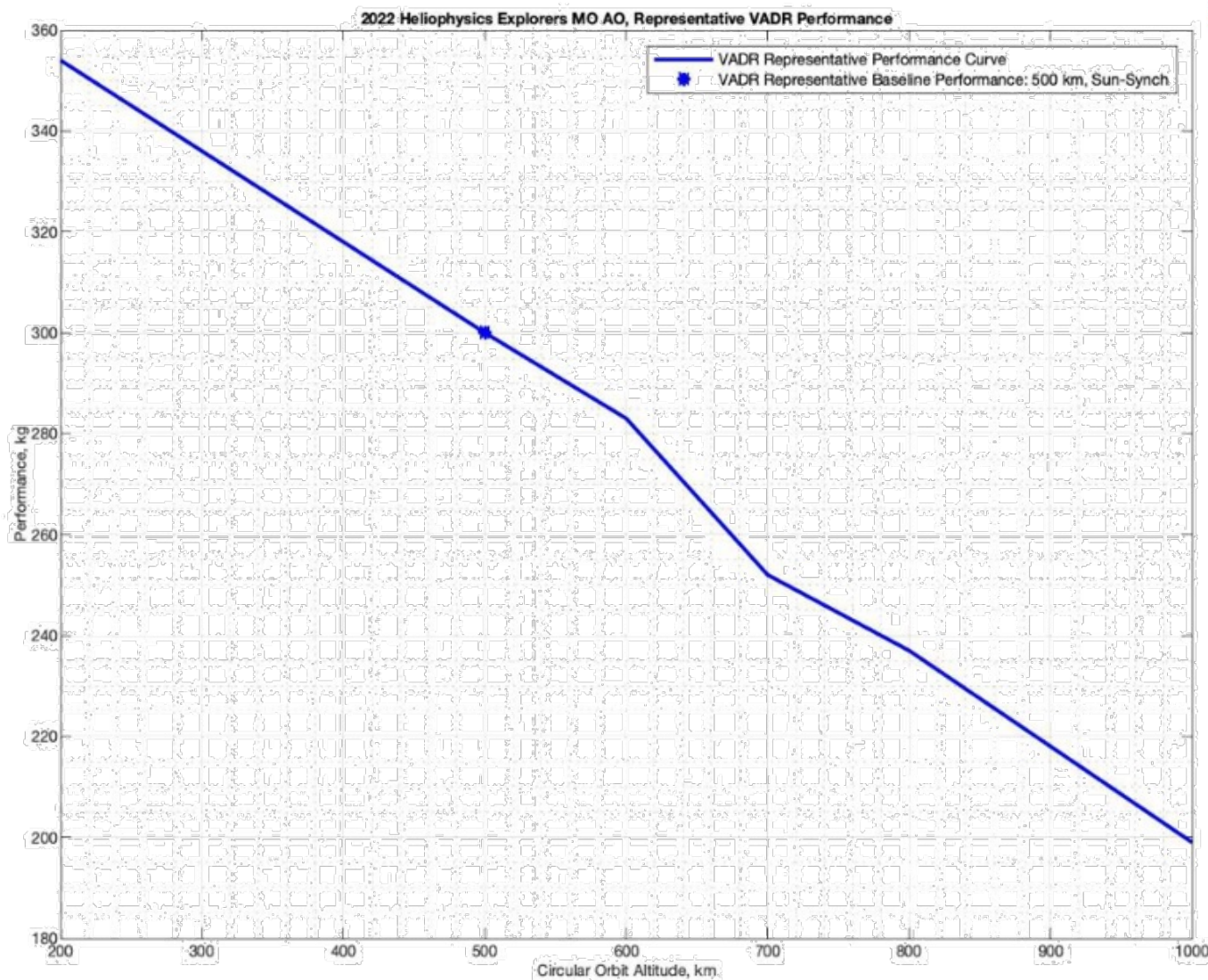
- Assumption of a specific launch vehicle configuration as part of the AO proposal will not guarantee that the proposed LV configuration will be selected
- Proposers are advised to plan for compatibility with the launch vehicle summary through spacecraft Preliminary Design Review.
  - Payload design should accommodate the limiting/enveloping launch characteristics and capabilities included in "Commercial FAA-Licensed Launch Services Program Information Summary" document
- Domestic launch vehicle on its first flight will be permitted; however, prior to launch the vehicle will be certified as Category 1 per NPD 8610.7D, *Launch Services Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-Owned or NASA-Sponsored Payloads/Missions* (see MO AO Library).
- A modified technical oversight approach per NPD 8610.7D Launch Services Risk Mitigation Policy for NASA-Owned and/or NASA-Sponsored Payloads/Missions will be used for Class D missions.





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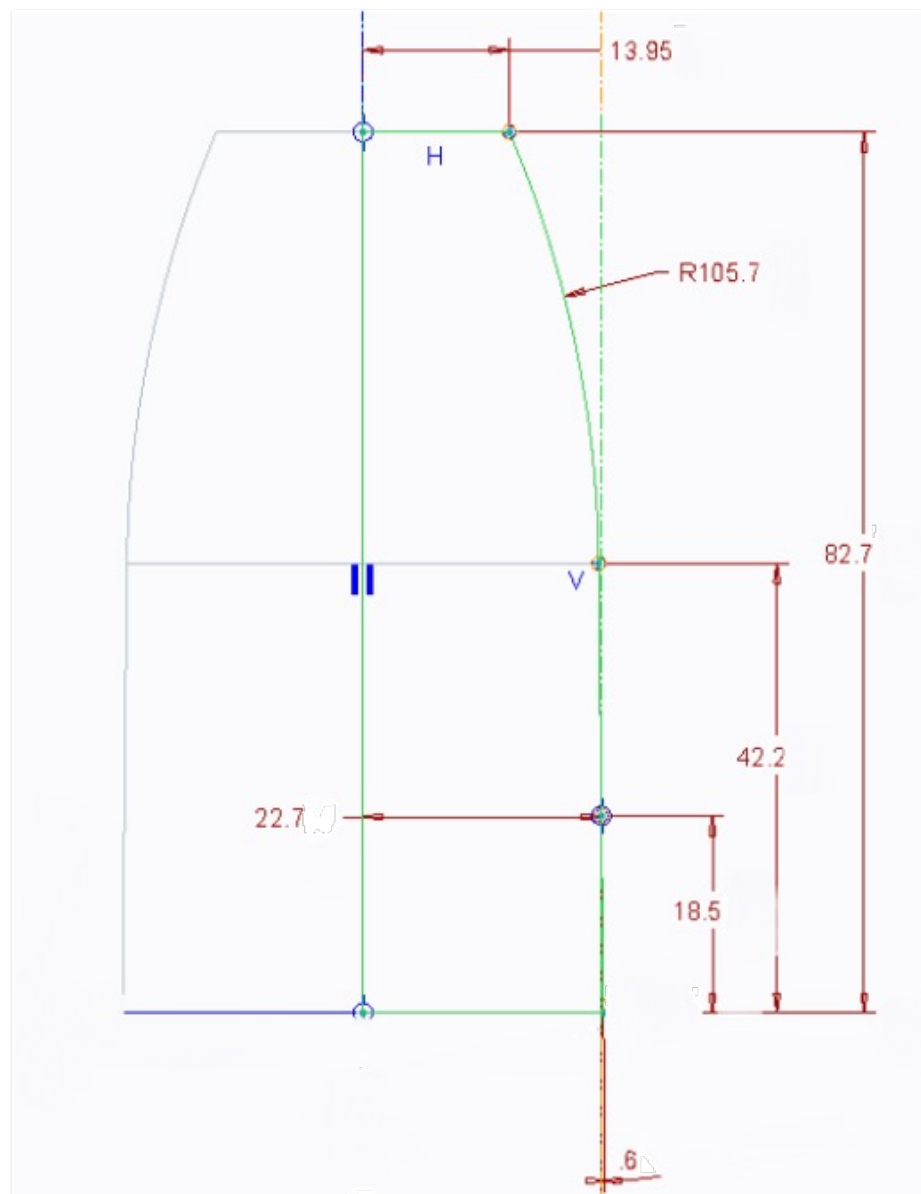
# Commercial FAA-Licensed Launch Services Performance





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# Commercial FAA-Licensed Launch Services Performance



**Figure 2**  
**Static Fairing Envelope (in.)**

- Proposals should include sufficient S/C dimensions to validate fit within this PLF static envelope, including any close approaches.
- Figure has been reduced by 1.5" to account for a typical payload isolation system. If the Spacecraft is providing its own isolation system, 1.5 inches may be added to overall height shown.

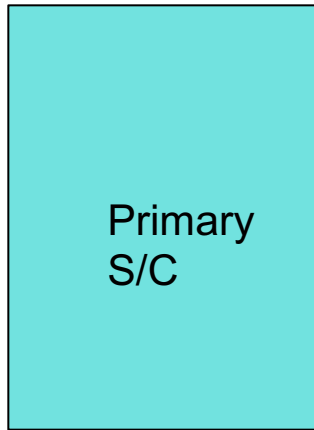


## **5.2.4.2 AO-Provided Secondary Launch Services**

### **(AO-Provided Rideshare Access to Space LSP Procured)**



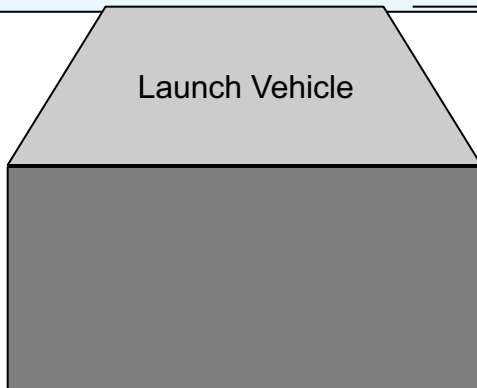
# ESPA Configuration



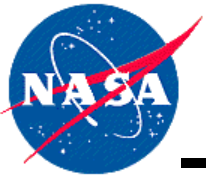
- LSP will procure the launch service for the Primary spacecraft and the ESPA ring through the Launch Service Task Order (LSTO) process
- LSP will coordinate the mission integration process with the Launch Service Contractor, the Primary spacecraft customer, and the ESPA mission aggregator



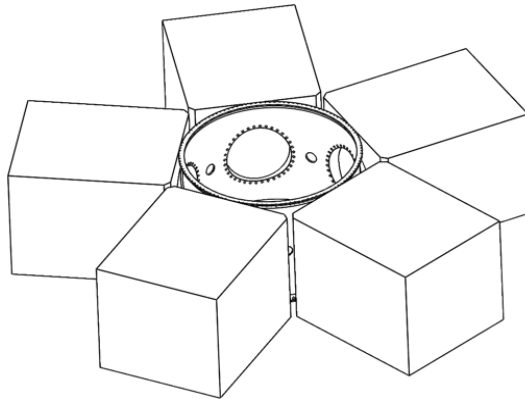
- A Mission Aggregator will be identified that will coordinate the mission the integration process with the RPLs
- The Aggregator will be the interface between LSP and the RPLs
- There will an ICD between each of the RPL and ESPA System
- The ESPA and RPLs will be integrated into one assembly and delivered to Launch Services Contractor



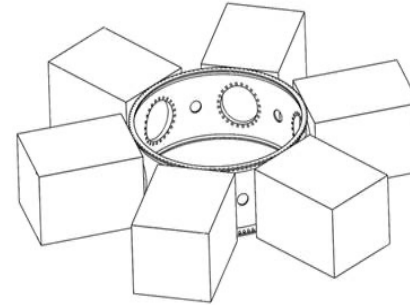
- The Launch Service Contractor is responsible for the build and check out of the launch vehicle with NASA involvement/insight



# ESPA Interfaces

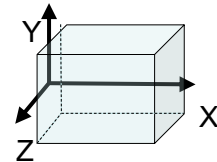


**ESPA Grande**



**ESPA**

ESPA	Max RPL Mass	Allowable RPL Volume	RPL Interface
ESPA Grande 5 Port	465 kg	42"x46"x38" Y, Z, X	24" circular
ESPA 6 Port	220 kg	24"x28"x38" Y,Z,X	15" circular



**NASA will provide the Separation System as GFE: RUAG PAS 381S (15") for ESPA  
RUAG PAS 610S (24") for ESPA Grande  
PSC MkII MLB (15" or 24")**

*Please see the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Launch Vehicle Secondary Payload Adapter  
Rideshare Users Guide MO AO Library*

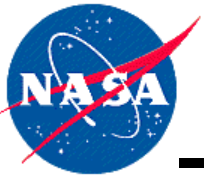


# RPL Do No Harm



All ESPA class RPL will be subject to a Do-No-Harm (DNH) assessment process to ensure that they will not pose a threat to the mission success of the Primary spacecraft or Launch Vehicle (LV) – Some general DNH considerations include:

- RPL Design
  - Design should follow the NASA RUG guidelines [Link to item 6a](#) in MO Program Library Proposal will include information
  - Include filled in for the [Rideshare Accommodations Worksheet Template](#) data associated with your proposals
  - Design must physically comply with the space allotted and remain constrained and sufficiently stiff to not make contact with launch vehicle or other spacecraft hardware during flight
  - Dynamic modes of the auxiliary payload must be sufficiently understood and communicated to ensure no detrimental dynamic loading onto the launch vehicle or primary spacecraft (guidance provided in the NASA RUG)
  - RPL must maintain integrity and not separate prematurely under worst case predicted loads and environments (acoustic, shock, vibe, thermal, depressurization)



# RPL Do No Harm



- Flight Risks associated with guidance in the NASA RUG
  - Separation analysis must ensure no re-contact with the LV, Primary spacecraft, or other RPLs during RPL separation event(s)
  - RPL separation indications must be included in the LV telemetry stream
  - Mitigations are in place to ensure any potentially hazardous functions are redundantly inhibited until well after the RPL is clear of the LV, Primary spacecraft, or other RPLs
  - RPLs must not generate debris that may contact the LV, Primary spacecraft, or other RPLs
  - RPLs contamination sources must be understood and provided to the LV, Primary spacecraft, or other RPLs for impact assessment
  - RPLs must not generate environments (e.g. thermal, separation shock, etc.) which detrimentally impacts the qualification of the LV, Primary spacecraft, or other RPLs





# RPL Do No Harm



- Launch Schedule Support
  - RPL integration schedules must support launch vehicle/primary payload integration schedules
  - RPLs must not impact the launch date for the primary mission in the event that the RPL is not able to support launch date – This is typically accomplished by having a mass simulator available and ready to integrate
  - RPLs must support the full launch window defined by the primary spacecraft
- Personnel Safety
  - RPLs must comply with applicable OSHA, DOT AFSPCMAN 91-710
  - RPLs must be stable and safe without services (power, commodities) once integrated

*Please see the NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD) Launch Vehicle Secondary Payload Adapter Rideshare Users Guide. MO AO Library*





# Summary



- It is the NASA Launch Service Program's goal to ensure the highest practicable probability of mission success while managing the launch service technical capabilities, budget and schedule.
- Questions must be officially submitted to:

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***NASA LSP is ready to respond to your mission specific questions.***